

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pending claims 1, 3, 6-15 and 32-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,901,209 (Tannenbaum). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Amended claim 1 is patentable over Tannenbaum, as Tannenbaum does not disclose receiving a communication initiated with a telephone number of a called party at a communication network. Nor does Tannenbaum disclose replacing identifying information if a user of the first communication device is authenticated by the communication network. Instead, Tannenbaum discloses a predictive dialer system. Furthermore, the portions of Tannenbaum cited by the Office Action that show a caller calling from home and using a different caller ID nowhere disclose that the communication is initiated with a telephone number of the called party. Tannenbaum, col. 2, lns. 34-44 and col 12, lns. 6-38. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, claims 1, 3 and 6-9 are patentable over Tannenbaum.

With respect to amended claim 10, nowhere does Tannenbaum disclose receiving a communication initiated with a telephone number of a second communication device from a first communication device and further authenticating a user of the first communication device at a communication network. Instead, any such authenticating is done by the predictive dialer system 10. Nor does Tannenbaum disclose authenticating during the communication initiated with the telephone number of the second communication device. Accordingly, claims 10-15 are patentable over Tannenbaum.

Amended claim 32 is patentable over Tannenbaum, as Tannenbaum does not disclose a communication router to route a call initiated with a telephone number of a target telephone from a first telephone to the target telephone, as discussed above.

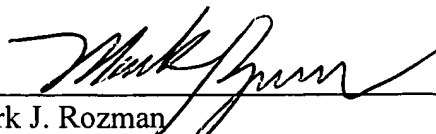
For at least the same reasons as for claim 32, claims 33-34 and new claims 36-37 are patentable.

For at least the same reasons discussed for claim 1, dependent claim 4 is patentable over Tannenbaum.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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